

## NEEDS OF OLD PROVIDED BY DISTRICT BILL

Sum Total of Appropriations for Next Year Greatest Ever.

SCHOOLS WELL TREATED

Half-Million Increase in Employees' Pay Big Item.

Exceeding by approximately \$2,000,000 the current appropriations, which provided for the expenses of the District government \$12,841,707.10, the sum carried by the District appropriation bill for the year beginning July 1, 1917, details of which were made public today, is the largest ever made available for District purposes.

Legislation long sought and incorporated in the bill is a source of much gratification to the Commissioners, District officials, civic organizations, and trade bodies. Among the most needed improvements provided for is the Gallinger municipal hospital, toward the construction of which Congress appropriated \$150,000, the limit of the cost of the institution and accessory buildings being fixed at \$300,000. The location of the building on reservation 13, the site of the Washington asylum and jail, ends the long fight made by citizens' associations in the northwest against its establishment in that section.

**Motor Fees Increased.**  
Approximately \$500,000, it is estimated, will be required for the increased compensation at the rate of 10 per cent for District employees receiving \$1,200 and less and 5 per cent for those receiving between \$1,200 and \$1,800 annually. A list of employees affected is now being prepared.

The metropolitan police force is increased by 106 men, including two lieutenants and four sergeants.

The legislation providing for an annual license fee of \$5 for motor vehicles of more than 24 horsepower and not exceeding 30-horsepower; \$10 for each vehicle of more than 30-horsepower; \$3 for each vehicle of 24-horsepower or less, and \$2 for motorcycles, becomes effective January 1, 1918. The present annual license fee is \$2.

The Commissioners after July 1, 1917, are empowered to make regulations governing the speed of motor vehicles, now regulated by act of Congress.

**U. S. COIN SENT TO FRONT**

**American Gold for Yankees in Allied Trenches.**  
NEW YORK, March 9.—Gold en route from Canada to the United States passed in transit a shipment of gold from the United States to Canada, and the reason for this curious cross-current of finance, according to a well-authenticated report in Wall Street, is that the allied governments will pay off the Americans in their army in United States coin.

The order to pay American soldiers fighting for the allies in American gold coin is reported to be a recent one and entirely for sentimental reasons. The theory that this is the reason for the crossing of shipments is further borne out by the fact that the \$5,000,000 received in the United States in the last two days from Canada was in bars of gold and the \$500,000 withdrawn from the treasury and sent to Canada was in minted coins, eagles, and double eagles.

**THAW'S BRAIN UNDER X-RAY**  
New York Alienists Barred From Lunacy Hearings.

NEW YORK, March 9.—No member of the District Attorney's office will be permitted to be present next Monday when expert alienists employed by the Thaw family will examine Harry K. Thaw at a Philadelphia hospital according to a letter received yesterday by Assistant District Attorney William Harman Black from James Jay Gordon, a Philadelphia lawyer, who is conducting the lunacy proceedings for Thaw's mother.

**FIVE LINERS REACH U. S.**  
NEW YORK, March 9.—Five big ships, including the Norwegian-American liner Bergenfjord, arrived here today. The others were the Suruga, American, from Havre; Lycon, British, from London; Minnehaha, British, from London; and the Virginian, American, from Marcella.

## SEND YOUR SUGGESTIONS

The Times invites any resident of Washington who intends "farming" his back yard or any vacant property to write, explaining his plans and what he expects to do.

## HOME GARDENS NEED EXPERT

Instructor Required to Insure Success of Project to Cut Living Cost.

URGES SYSTEMATIC WORK

Charles F. Nesbit Outlines Program to Be Followed by Truck Farmers.

An instructor thoroughly conversant with truck gardening in its theoretical and practical aspects is the greatest need of the back yards farming movement, according to Charles F. Nesbit, District superintendent of insurance, and one of the most active proponents of the project.

"If this movement," he said, "is to develop into a number of sporadic attempts of individuals to cultivate their own back yards, it will hardly be the success intended by its advocates."

"What is needed is a solidly established organization that will attend to the following important details: 'First—Obtain leases or licenses from the owners of vacant lots to use their properties for cultivation of truck vegetables. The organization can then sublet or parcel out the tracts to individuals who are desirous of farming on a small scale. In this way the responsibility for the use of the land will be centered on a single group, and all difficulties can be adjusted through this association."

**Flowing System Urged.**  
"Second—A community method of plowing must be devised, as it will relieve the individual gardeners of expense, which perhaps is some cases might prove prohibitive. With a few teams hired by the association, the plots could be attended to with a minimum of expense to the general membership."

"Third—Efforts must be made to interest the Department of Agriculture in the project, so that pertinent bulletins and information can be procured from the experts when needed."

"Fourth—Arrangements must be effected with the District, so that street refuse, useful for fertilizing purposes, can be obtained for distribution."

"Fifth—A fund sufficient to supply the few wants of the association must be raised so that no difficulties will be experienced because of lack of available funds when the need comes. Also the proposed association must get the services of some experts, disinterested from the financial standpoint, who will lend their assistance to the furtherance of the movement."

"Sixth—An expert, familiar with truck gardening, must be retained, so that he can devote his time to visiting the cultivated areas, for the purpose of instruction."

**Problems for Individuals.**  
"Concerning seeds and farming implements, I cannot see any means that would enable the association to distribute these necessities. I believe the individuals must procure these without assistance from the main body."

Mr. Nesbit believes the project could be made feasible and successful for the following reasons:  
There is plenty of vacant land in the District and its environs.  
Sufficient fertilizer can be procured from street sweepings and stable refuse.

There is no transportation problem.  
It is the only way that city people can enjoy the luxury, enjoyed by farmers, of fresh vegetables.  
It reduces the cost of living.

"Washington has fewer truck gardens than any city of its size in the country," declared Mr. Nesbit, "Detroit, Philadelphia, Baltimore."  
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**PRESIDENT BETTER TODAY**

Dr. Grayson Announces, However, He Must Keep to Bed.  
President Wilson's condition was reported improved by Dr. Cary T. Grayson, in a statement at noon today. It was announced, however, that the President would be kept in bed until all danger of the cold contracted during the inaugural ceremonies has passed.

Dr. Grayson said the slight fever which the President had yesterday had entirely subsided. It was explained that the President's condition was not such as to make it imperative that he should remain in bed, but that he was in such a run-down condition from work and worries that he needed the rest.

## PAN-AMERICAN LEAGUE TO END PLOTS IS PLAN

Administration Seeks Concerted Action to Crush German Intrigue in Hemisphere.

MAY ASK ARMED PROTEST

Latin Diplomats Report to State Department of Spy-Infested Countries.

Concocted action by the Central and South American republics with the United States to crush German intrigue in this hemisphere, is the plan of the Administration.

Recent revelations have convinced the President that the eradication of sinister German influence is essential to the integrity of the United States and her sister republics.  
Involved in the proposed plan is the principle of Pan-Americanism and the Monroe doctrine against invasion by any European power with hostile intent. It is the plan of the Administration to urge the republics to preserve neutrality in the strictest sense, even to the extent of armed protest.

**Where Intrigue Flourishes.**  
Some of the countries known to be honeycombed with German plots and intrigue are Cuba, Haiti, Peru, Brazil, Mexico, Honduras, Salvador, Nicaragua, and Guatemala. Diplomatic representatives of these republics have been undertaken to obtain all information possible for the State Department. Partial reports have already been received from several.

No advances have yet been received from General Carranza dealing with the plotted alliance between Mexico and Japan for war on the United States in case of armed conflict between this country and Germany, as revealed in the Zimmermann-Von Eckhardt communication.

An investigation is being made of an official report that Germany is maintaining a powerful wireless station in Mexico to evade the censorship of the United States Government and foster the various plots by means of direct communication with Berlin.

**Plants in Brazil?**  
Reports of hidden German wireless plants along the Brazilian coast have also reached here.

The Brazilian authorities are making a thorough search for the suspected station, according to advice. Suspicions of the authorities were first aroused when a detailed and circumstantial story of a battle between British warships and German sea raiders off the island of Fernando de Noronha, on the northern (Continued on Page Six.)

## SENTENCED FOR SLAYING

Wilson Gets Five Years for Killing Friend Accidentally.

Convicted of manslaughter, Claude Wilson, colored, today was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary by Justice Gould in Criminal Division No. 1 of the District Supreme Court. Wilson, while showing a revolver to a friend, Thurman Leek, accidentally killed the latter. Justice Gould, in pronouncing sentence, said he did not think Wilson intended to harm Leek, but that he imposed the sentence because the defendant committed gross negligence in handling the weapon. Attorney E. M. Hewlett represented Wilson.

## FRENCH ATTACK NETS GAINS

Germans Driven Out of Positions Near Ripont.

BERLIN, (via Sayville wireless), March 9.—French forces strongly attacked German positions south of Ripont, taken by the Germans February 15, and entered isolated trenches on a height 155.  
They were repulsed and a counter attack brought back the trench sections on the hill into German possession, but a farm on low land is still held by the enemy.  
In reporting this battle today the German official report revealed a vast amount of general fighting along the whole western front.

## NEW YARROWDALE NOTES

State Department Sends Two Inquiries to Berlin.

The State Department has addressed two inquiries to Germany for information about release of the American Yarrowdale prisoners and the detention of four American consuls in Germany.  
The Yarrowdale men were scheduled to be freed yesterday.  
The department expected an answer today.

**AMERICANS SAFE IN PORT.**  
Americans aboard the Alfonso XIII, which reached Havana March 8, were reported to the State Department today as follows:

Consul H. G. Seltzer, Hamburg, Pa.; consul at Breslau; Mrs. White and Miss Ella White, American embassy employees, Honolulu; Meta Winter, Detroit, embassy clerk; Ruth Lehmann, embassy clerk, Cleveland; Miss Vivian Stormer, embassy clerk, Boston.  
Two of the party have reached this city.

## WON'T EXPLAIN OR QUIT PLACE, STONE ASSERTS

Missourian Declares He Will Continue as Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee.

PREPARING LENGTHY SPEECH

Senator Says Constituents Will Be Fully Informed as to His Attitude.

In the face of violent country-wide attacks on him for deserting the President when the nation's honor was at stake, Bill Stone will neither resign his place as head of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate nor explain his anti-American action.

In a formal statement made public today Stone said:  
"I am not going to resign as chairman of the committee, and I am going to be retained in that chairmanship in the Senate reorganization."

**He Retracts Nothing.**  
The Missouri Senator will not retract or qualify his stand in opposition to the armed neutrality bill, despite the wrathful voice of the people and press of his own State adding to the protest of the rest of the nation.

"I never go into the press or upon the floor of the Senate to explain today what I said or did on yesterday," Stone declared today with deliberate emphasis.  
"But in due time I will scatter my speech of Saturday, with additional remarks which I am now putting into it, before the people of Missouri, from whom my commission comes. And that speech will be my answer."

**Refuses To Explain.**  
The interview with the Missouri Senator, who suddenly and dramatically has become a unique figure in the country, took place in a little room off the Senate corridor.

"I never explain what I say or do in the Senate on a great public question," he said. "What I say in the Senate is the explanation. No other is possible."

"To undertake to make what is called an explanation would be to admit that some explanation was necessary."  
"If occasion arises for me to speak on any phase of this subject in the future, I will speak from my place in the Senate—and that will stand for itself."

**Studying Own Speech.**  
Stone paused, closed his eyes, rubbed his forehead thoughtfully, and then added:

"I am carefully studying my speech of last Saturday. I have been so hard pressed that I haven't had time to even analyze what I said then. Every minute I can get away from the Senate I am devoting to that speech—adding and inserting remarks which I didn't have time to bring out while I was talking. When these are (Continued on Sixth Page.)

## EGG PRICES AGAIN NORMAL

Strictly Fresh Variety Listed at 28 Cents Wholesale.

For the first time in six months, the price of strictly fresh eggs dropped below 20 cents a dozen wholesale today.  
The best quality sold today at 28 or 29 cents a dozen, and the Southern eggs for 28 cents. The price will continue to drop slowly, marketmen believe, until the roads nearby are easily traveled. Then the price will remain practically stationary, it is believed.

## The Times Leads Them All

Despite the cost of paper The Times is daily increasing its news and serving its readers without regard to cost. During the six week days of last week The Times led all papers in total columns of news, total columns of local news, and total number of local news items. The score was as follows:

Total News.	
THE TIMES...	399 cols.
Next paper...	367 cols.
Local News.	
THE TIMES...	143 cols.
Next paper...	116 cols.
Next paper...	80 cols.
Next paper...	73 cols.
Local News Items.	
THE TIMES...	814
Next paper...	541
Next paper...	402
Next paper...	400

All the News All the Time and Particularly Washington News.

## TAKE THE QUESTIONS WHERE THEY BELONG AND TAKE THEM TODAY

On the eleventh of last March the two traction companies on one side and a committee representing employees on the other were parties to an agreement of one year's duration, which included in its provisions the following language:

For the adjustment of grievances which may arise in future, the committee which signs this agreement shall be constituted a grievance committee, with power to fill any vacancies which may occur in the committee hereafter. Should any question arise under this agreement as to the true intent and meaning thereof, or as to justice in the action of the company in discharging or disciplining any employee, or any grievances which cannot be adjusted by conference between the interested employee and the officials of the company, or by the said officials and the grievance committee, then such question, upon application of the grievance committee, shall be referred for decision to the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia as a board of arbitration, whose decision shall be final.

This agreement has two days more to run. A situation has arisen in which there appears to be a "grievance which cannot be adjusted by conference between the interested employees and the officials." What more proper and lawful action can be taken than to refer this grievance to the Public Utilities Commission as provided in the agreement to which both street railway companies and their employees are parties?

This should be done today before there is any question of the expiration of the agreement during negotiations.

## CURFEW ORDER FOR PLAYHOUSE

Court Rules That Bell Must Be Rung at 11:30 at Society's Rendezvous.

Curfew must ring tonight and every night henceforth in the shades of the British embassy.  
Result of English traditions following British diplomats wherever they go? No. But because the District Supreme Court today definitely ordered the tolling of the curfew at The Playhouse, society's little rendezvous across the street from the British Empire's headquarters in the United States.

Justice Dendell P. Stafford, signed the "curfew" order in The Playhouse "noise" case, shortly before noon.

**Silence at 11:30.**  
Spectacular silence, best conducive to deepest slumber, sweetest dreams, and the perambulations of ghosts and goblins will supplant the hurrying spirit of mirth in the precincts of the little shrine of diversion at 11:30 each night hereafter.

The dainty toes of demure and dowager will cease gliding over the waxed floors of this house of mirth promptly at 11 p. m.  
In plain parlance the court plainly determined that dancing at The Playhouse shall cease at 11 and that within a half hour thereafter lights shall be out.

## Injunction In Effect.

The order of the court puts into effect immediately the temporary injunction obtained against the owners of The Playhouse by Rear Admiral and Mrs. Schroeder, who live in an adjoining house.  
The order requires Admiral Schroeder to file an undertaking giving surety to reimburse the owners for any damage they may suffer as the result of the injunction, in the event the court of Appeals reverses the order of the District Supreme Court.

Attorneys Daniel Thew Wright, Frank J. Hogan, and T. Morris Wampler for the owners noted an appeal to the District Court of Appeals. Attorneys Samuel Maddox and H. Prescott Gaitley appeared for the plaintiffs.

## MEMORIAL HELD FOR HOYS

Americans in London Attend Service of Laconia Victims.

LONDON, March 9.—A touching memorial service was held today in the historic Church of St. Martin in the Fields, in Trafalgar square, just above Morley's Hotel, which thousands of Americans have seen. The service was for Mrs. Mary Hoy and Miss Elizabeth Hoy, the American women who were drowned when the Germans sank the Laconia. Many Americans and Canadians were in the church.

Austin Y. Hoy, son and brother of the dead women, who telegraphed President Wilson asking that their deaths be avenged, was at the service. The ceremonies were opened by the singing of a hymn, "On Resurrection Morning," followed by the Lord's Prayer, a psalm and a lesson from the Bible. "Lead, Kindly Light" was followed by a memorial prayer and the prayer for intercession. At the close the congregation stood while Chopin's Marche Funebre was played. A printed form of service was used, which many Americans present intend sending to friends in the United States.

## EXTRA SESSION RESOLUTION UP

McLean of Connecticut Introduces Measure Expressing "Sense of Senate."

Senator McLean of Connecticut today introduced in the Senate a resolution expressing it as the sense of the Senate that the president call Congress in extra session not later than March 26.

The resolution recites that important measures vital to the honor and safety of the country require the immediate attention of Congress.

It was allowed to lie on the table. Only the fact that President Wilson was kept in bed today under orders of his physician, Dr. Cary T. Grayson, it is understood, prevented issuance of the extra session call today.

Owing to the President's illness the Cabinet meeting scheduled today was called off.  
Action of the Senate in voting the cloture rule to end filibusters paved the way for calling an extra session. Senate acted at the urgent request of the President, who said in his statement Sunday night, attacking the twelve "willful men" in the Senate, that an extra session would be of no avail if filibusters again could thwart the majority's will.

## Members Expect Call.

An extra session call by April 1 is generally expected by members of the House who are still in Washington, awaiting a definite announcement the White House.  
It is estimated there are 102 House members still in Washington. Congressmen from far-away districts do not desire to return home if they are to be summoned back within a short time.

Chairman Flood, of the Foreign Affairs Committee, said he had no official knowledge concerning the date for the extra session, but was inclined to believe it would not be long postponed.

## Clark Seeks News.

Speaker Champ Clark called at the White House at noon to ask if an extra session is to be called and when the call may be expected. Secretary Tumulty told him he would be advised of the President's decision as soon as it was reached.  
"So many people are hung up by the ears," Speaker Clark said, "that we ought to know when it is going to happen."

The Speaker has an engagement to speak at Warren, Ohio, March 16 and the Irish Fellowship Club in Chicago March 17. He said he also wanted to visit his new grandchild in New Orleans.

## HAS RIGHT TO ARM SHIPS

President Advised of Authority By Lansing and Gregory.

President Wilson has been advised by Secretary of State Lansing and Attorney General Gregory, his Cabinet advisers on international and legal questions, that he has full constitutional authority to arm ships without Congressional sanction.  
State Department officials admitted today that even if this authority should be questioned, the President might issue orders for arming ships and then ask Congress later to approve his action by granting the ships specific authority.

## CARMEN NOT TO TALK OF STRIKE ISSUE TONIGHT

Union Officials Discount Reports as to Midnight Meeting's Purpose.

WILL DISCUSS REPORTS

One Traction Head Refuses to Recognize Union Committee as Such.

"Strike talk will not be heard at tonight's meeting of the car men's union. We are bound by an agreement until Sunday night." This was the announcement of officials of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees' Local 689, today.

The announcement was made in connection with reports that at the midnight meeting of the union at the Lyceum Theater, Eleventh street and Pennsylvania avenue, a strike probably would be declared.

The purpose of the meeting, according to George A. Wilbur, president of the union, is to inform the members of the union of the negotiations between the two traction companies and representatives of the employees, and to receive reports from the committees who conferred with Clarence P. King, president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, and George E. Hamilton, president of the Capital Traction Company.

## King Ignores Union.

It is expected that the committee which talked with President King will report that negotiations were terminated yesterday afternoon because of the company's refusal to recognize the union.

This afternoon it was stated at union headquarters that a report stating that the Capital Traction Company had recognized the union was expected.

While at the District building today seeking a permit for the distribution of circulars announcing tonight's meeting, President Wilbur and J. H. Cookman, recording secretary of the union, informed Commissioner Brownlow that the conference with President King had been ended by the refusal of the latter to talk with representatives of the organization.

It is understood that the Commissioners have requested the companies and the union to keep them advised daily on the developments in the traction situation.

Crowds of motormen and conductors assembled at the union's headquarters today. All discussed the three-year contract which the Washington Railway and Electric Company has prepared for its motormen and conductors to sign individually.

**Non-Union Men Sign Contract.**  
Garth Calderhead, financial secretary of the union, said that the organization had positive information that no member had signed the contract. He said that out of the 880 motormen and conductors employed by the Washington Railway and Electric Company only 100 are non-union men. The union, he said, was informed that all the 100 non-unionists had not signed the contract.

Although the contract offered to union men. The union, he said, was increases in wages, officials of the union said it was unacceptable.

The proposed contract increases the scale of wages, from a minimum of 23 1/2 cents an hour and a maximum of 27 cents an hour to 24 cents an hour up to 30 cents an hour.  
It provides a raise of half a cent an hour for employees of one and two years' service; one-and-a-half cents for three-year men; two-and-a-half cents for five, six and seven-year motormen and conductors; three-and-a-half cents for eight, nine and ten-year men, and three cents for employees of more than a decade's experience.

**Veterans Get Heart Raise.**  
Further than to refer to the fact that the contract provides for a smaller raise for men who have been in the service more than ten years than for those who have worked seven, eight, nine and ten years, officials of the union declined to discuss the wage scale proposed in section 1 of the contract. They said 25 cents an hour is what the union asks and what is paid in a number of other cities.

Enumerating their objections to the other clauses of the contract, the officials of the union mentioned the following:  
It refuses recognition to the union and provides for the "open shop."

It obligates the men for three years and binds them not to strike for three years.

It obligates the men to abide by any rules the company may make in the future.

It prohibits unionism.  
It provides a great many restrictions for the men, and few, if any, on the company other than to prohibit the locking out of the employees.

President Wilbur said that the contract does not include employees of the Potomac Electric Power Company, the unionized members of which are demanding an increase of 10 cents an hour in their wages.

At yesterday's conference, which ended abruptly, President King is said to have questioned the eligibility of the power company's employees to membership in the union.

Among the other subjects mentioned in the draft of the new agreement submitted to the company last month, but to which members of the